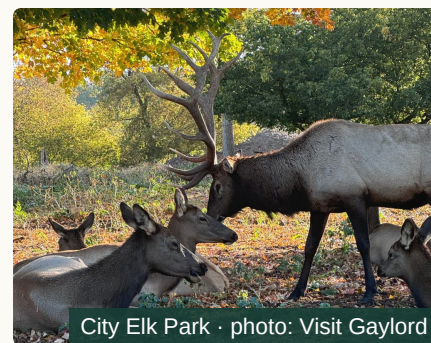


Explore Gaylord

Early November is quieter than peak season, but there is still plenty for a relaxed day: elk viewing, wooded walks, downtown browsing, local art and easy indoor fun.



City Elk Park · photo: Visit Gaylord

Fall Conference weekend: Friday-Sunday, Nov. 6-8, 2026

November reality: This is the shoulder season. Skiing and tubing usually need later cold and snow, while golf is weather-dependent. The choices below are the safer bets; confirm hours, tickets and appointments before leaving **Treetops Resort**.

SATURDAY, NOV. 7
6:00 P.M.

Military Appreciation Night

Northern Michigan Warhounds vs. Kalkaska Kings
Otsego County Sportsplex · 1250 Gornick Avenue, Gaylord, MI 49735

Conference-weekend
hockey

[Warhounds info](#)

[Buy tickets](#)

1 See the elk - free, year-round

Try **Gaylord City Elk Park Viewing Area** on Golden Elk Ct. A quick wildlife stop; sightings are never guaranteed, so morning or late afternoon is a smart try.

2 Walk Aspen Park - free

Paved and natural trails through 100 wooded acres, next to the elk enclosure. **239 Commerce Blvd**; the park is lit into the evening.

3 Browse the Alpine-style downtown

Walk Main Street for boutiques, gifts, antiques and coffee beneath Gaylord's Swiss-inspired architecture. Downtown parking is free.

4 Visit Call of the Wild Museum

North American wildlife displays plus a large gift shop make this an easy indoor hour. **850 S Wisconsin Ave · (989) 732-4336**.

5 See local art downtown

Gaylord Area Council for the Arts features regional art and crafts. **125 E Main St · Fri 1-4; Sat noon-2** (published hours).

6 Catch a movie

Gaylord Cinema West is a simple weatherproof option with first-run films. **1775 M-32 · (989) 731-9766**; check same-day showtimes.

7 Go bowling

Gaylord Bowling Center offers lanes, an arcade and casual food. **1200 Gornick Ave · (989) 732-3574**; open-bowling times vary.

8 Book a spa break at the resort

Treetops Spa is the no-driving option. **Fri-Sat 9-5; Sun 9-3** (published hours). Reserve ahead: **(989) 731-8556**.

EASY MORNING

Elk viewing + Aspen Park + downtown coffee and shopping.

RAINY AFTERNOON

Call of the Wild + local art + a movie or bowling.

STAY AT TREETOPS

Spa appointment, pool or fitness time; ask the front desk what is operating.

PLAN BEFORE YOU GO

Hours can change in the off-season. For updates and any weekend events, see gaylordmichigan.net/events-calendar. Details checked Oct. 16, 2026.

Sources: Visit Gaylord, Call of the Wild and Treetops Spa.

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Warhounds info: <https://www.nomiwarhounds.com/>

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